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FOR THE SECRETARY

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SUBJ: MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY FROM PRESIDENT DAOUD CONCERNING
PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS

1. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLAH AFTERNOON OCTOBER 26
ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO THE SECRETARY PRESIDENT DAOUD'S HOPE
THAT DURING HIS PRESENT TRIP THE SECRETARY "WILL BECOME AN
EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT OF PEACE BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN."
ABDULLAH WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE SECRETARY COULD ASSURE
BHUTTO THAT AFGHANISTAN HAS NO CLAIM TO PAKISTANI TERRITORY.
(FYI - IN PAST AFGHANS HAVE TAKEN POSITION THAT PUSHTUNISTAN
IS NOT RPT NOT PAK TERRITORY; END FYI).

HE SAID THAT THE SECRETARY SHOULD KNOW THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE
TWO COUNTRIES HAVE A CLOSE AFFINITY FOR ONE ANOTHER. PRES-
IDENT DAOUD HOPES THAT PUSHTUNS AND BALUCHIS WILL BE ALLOWED
TO LIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PAKISTANI CONSTITUTION (FYI -
THIS IS THE STANDARD AFGHAN FORMULATION CALLING FOR SELF-
DETERMINATION FOR PUSHTUNS AND BALUCHIS - END FYI) AND
BELIEVES THAT ONCE THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED, AFGHANISTAN AND
PAKISTAN CAN SEEK "NEW HORIZONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION."
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2. I TOLD ABDULLAH THAT I WOULD IMMEDIATELY CONVEY THIS
MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY.

3. COMMENT: THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS NOTHING NEW EXCEPT THAT
DAOUD CLEARLY HOPES THAT THE SECRETARY WILL HAVE THE AFGHAN
POSITION FIRMLY IN MIND DURING HIS VISIT TO ISLAMABAD.
ABDULLAH DOESN'T EXPECT A REPLY TO THIS ORAL MESSAGE UNTIL
THE SECRETARY MEETS WITH DAOUD IN KABUL.
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